

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1061, amended, Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act; H.R. 715, Saguaro National Park Boundary Expansion and Study Act of 2009; H.R. 1376, amended, Waco Mammoth National Monument Establishment Act of 2009; and H.R. 1121, amended, Blue Ridge Parkway and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009.

**MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on The Rise of the Mexican Drug Cartels and U.S. National Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Alan Bersin, Assistant Secretary, Office of International Affairs, and Special Representative for Border Affairs; Todd Owen, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Kumar Kibble, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Anthony P. Placido, Assistant Administrator, Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration; and William Hoover, Assistant Director, Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; J. Robert McBrien, Associate Director, Investigations and Enforcement, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

**CENSUS DATA AND FEDERAL FORMULA FUNDING**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing on Census Data and Its Use in Federal Formula Funding. Testimony was heard from Thomas Mesenbourg, Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Todd Richardson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Donald Moulds, Acting Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Stuart Kerachsky, Acting Director, National Center for Education Statistics, Department of Education; Carleton Finkbeiner, Mayor, Toledo, Ohio; Robert Bowser, Mayor, East Orange, New Jersey; and public witnesses.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS ACT FY 2010**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2010. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read through page 58, line 6. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that after disposition of the amendments specified in the first section of the rule, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer one pro forma amendment to the bill for the purpose of debate, which shall be controlled by the proponent. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee and that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Finally, the rule provides that during consideration of the bill, the Chair may reduce to two minutes the minimum time for electronic voting. Testimony was heard from Representatives Edwards of Texas, Abercrombie, Wamp, Sessions and King of Iowa.

**ENERGY AND WATER LINKAGE**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on the Technology Research and Development Efforts to the Energy and